



General Assembly

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***Raised Bill No. 275***

LCO No. 1891



Referred to Committee on ENERGY AND TECHNOLOGY

Introduced by:  
(ET)

***AN ACT CONCERNING ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT TARIFFS.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2022*) (a) In an agreement  
2 negotiated and entered into by the Public Utilities Regulatory  
3 Authority, or made during a proceeding or order initiated pursuant to  
4 section 16-19, 16-19e, 16-19oo or 16-19zz of the general statutes, the  
5 authority may approve an economic development rate for new or  
6 existing customers, subject to the following limitations:

7 (1) Any economic development rate agreement shall be granted for  
8 an initial period of five years, and may be renewed for additional five-  
9 year extension periods if agreed to by the authority;

10 (2) Any customer receiving an economic development rate shall be in  
11 a commercial or industrial rate class; and

12 (3) The economic development rate shall be structured as a fixed  
13 utility bill credit of two cents per kilowatt hour.

14 (b) Any economic development rate agreement shall contain the

15 following:

16 (1) A commitment by the customer to make, on average, not less than  
17 ninety per cent of its historic three-year average of capital investment in  
18 the state, for each year of the initial five-year period that the agreement  
19 is in effect, and for each year during any subsequent five-year extension  
20 period. The historic three-year average shall be calculated based on the  
21 date the agreement is entered into.

22 (2) A commitment by the customer not to relocate its manufacturing  
23 or business premises, which are located in the state on the date the  
24 agreement is entered into, to a location outside of the state, for the entire  
25 period the agreement or any extension of the agreement is in effect.

26 (c) If the authority approves an economic development rate  
27 agreement for one or more new customers moving to the state, existing  
28 customers in the state who satisfy the same eligibility requirements shall  
29 be entitled to enter into a like agreement.

30 (d) The authority shall not approve an economic development rate  
31 for any customers except as authorized by this section.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>October 1, 2022</i>	New section

**Statement of Purpose:**

To limit the allowable utility rate discounts used for economic development and to require the Public Utilities Regulatory Authority to extend economic development rates to existing businesses if they offer them to new companies moving operations to the state.

*[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]*